



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: May 22, 2020 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the council members

COVID-19 Regulation Business Compliance | Director Elizabeth Tanner, Department of Business Regulation

- The process of ensuring businesses are complying with COVID-19 regulations is being formalized. For information and guidance, visit: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/for/business/>
- There is currently a three strikes rule in place for regulation enforcement. Penalties include fines and the issuance of a compliance order.

Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- Several members voiced an interest in facilitating small business inspections in their communities.
- Members noted that financial barriers may create an added difficulty for small business owners to comply with COVID-19 regulations.
- A member made a request for disaggregated COVID-19 data by race and zip code.

Updates from the Last Meeting

- **Testing – In Progress.** Testing referral offices have changed. RIDOH staff are working to ensure that individuals are not being charged for tests. Additionally, a local marketing firm is working on creating effective testing outreach materials.

Next Steps

- Members will send in ideas to determine the purpose, vision, and goals of the Council.
- State staff will look into recording future Equity Council meetings in order to increase transparency.

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

